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From: Benevento, Douglas
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Tell me what you think of this quote.

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:44 AM
To: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>
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Doug—draft release below offers some context for your quote and any additional language you want to offer... I'll send anything you share with Keith.

Rich

From: Keith Guille [mailto:keith.guille@wyo.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:22 AM
To: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
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Below is a draft release. I have not had Todd review this yet. Once we get your input and changes, I'll get it over to him for review. Thanks

Keith

Today, October 26, 2018, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) to establish procedures and policies for administration of the Wyoming Audit Privilege and Immunity Law (self-audit law).

Under this agreement, EPA recognizes that Wyoming's self-audit law and policy encourages greater compliance with laws and rules protecting public health and the environment.

According to Todd Parfitt, DEQ Director, the purpose for an environmental self-audit is for companies, as the regulated entity, to identify and correct noncompliance, and improve future compliance.

"The environmental self-audit will not replace the current efforts of our Air Quality Division for inspection and compliance of the regulated community," said Parfitt. "These audits are another tool that may be utilized to reduce noncompliance and achieve the environmental and health benefits for Wyoming and its citizens."

Currently, DEQ inspects over 750 facilities each year and will continue to do so.

DEQ began outreach efforts to increase awareness of an environmental self-audit program in 2016. Since then, 3.3% of facilities statewide have been entered into the self-audit program and over 3545 tons-per-year of emissions have been reduced from correcting and adding controls to improve compliance.

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Some of the benefits gained from self-audits include:

- Improved public health and environmental protection through pollution reduction;
- expedites corrective action which leads to more timely pollution reductions;
- continued future benefits by preventing re-occurrence of noncompliance;
- agency resource savings – allows air quality inspectors to focus on non-compliance at other facilities;
- corrects non-compliance thereby providing for a level playing field;
- verifies current compliance for companies;
- and pollution reduction cost savings through a change in the production process or energy-saving process change.

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